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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

# Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the **second paragraph** of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 7 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

## a) In Claim 7:

- recites the limitations "the previous frame" in line 5. There are insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.
- recites the limitations "the next header information" in line 6. There are insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.
- recites the limitations "the initial header information" in line 8. There are insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

#### b) In Claim 9:

- recites the limitations "the next header information" in lines 6-8. There are insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.
- recites the limitations "the initial header information" in line 9. There are insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

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# Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.
- 2. The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).
- 3. Claims 3, 4 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Doshi et al. (US Patent No. 5,936,965).
- a) In Regarding to Claim 3: Doshi et al. disclosed a wireless packetization method in a radio transmitting/receiving system for transmitting and/or receiving multimedia data in a wireless environment, comprising the steps of:

adding a length field and a length indicator field, wherein the length field indicates the length of data in a data region and the length indicator field identifies the length of the length field on a multiplex (MUX) layer where the multimedia data are multiplexed into predetermined units of header information (see col.2 lines 5-39 and col.13 line55 – col14 line 7).

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b) In Regarding to Claim 4: Doshi et al. disclosed a wireless packetization method in a radio transmitting/receiving system for transmitting and/or receiving multimedia data in a wireless environment, comprising the steps of:

adding a length field and a length indicator field, wherein the length field indicates the length of data in a data region and the length indicator field identifies the length of the length field on a multiplex (MUX) layer where the multimedia data are multiplexed into predetermined units of header information (see col. 2 lines 5-39 and col. 13 line 55 - col 14 line 7); and

forming a predetermined protocol frame by adding error checking or protection codes to both the length field and the length indicator field (see col.6 lines 28-33 and col.15 lines 3-5).

c) In Regarding to Claim 8: The claimed subject matters disclosed in this claim are the same as that in the Claim 4. Therefore, the rejections in the Claim 4 would apply to this claim as an apparatus as taught.

## Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
  - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 5. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stacey et al. (US Patent No. 6,590,909) in view of Doshi et al. (US Patent No. 5,936,965).

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a) In Regarding to Claim 1: Stacey et al. disclosed a wireless packetization method in a radio transmitting/receiving system for transmitting and/or receiving multimedia data in a wireless environment, comprising the steps of:

dividing multimedia data-related header information into one portion and a plurality of portions, respectively (see Fig. 10: SSCS Packet Header); and

adding error checking or protection codes to each of the divided header information (see col.7 line 57 - col.8 line 21).

Stacey et al. failed to explicitly disclose the transmitting/receiving system is a wireless system.

**Doshi et al. explicitly disclosed** such a wireless transmitting/receiving system (see Fig. 1 and col.3 lines 33-45).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skilled in the art can employ such a wireless transmitting/receiving system throughout the ATM communications system of Stacey et al., as taught by Doshi et al, in order to provide a multiple service in different platforms, the motivation being to provide enhanced services of Stacey et al. in both an ATM network and a wireless network.

- b) In Regarding to Claim 2: Stacey et al. further disclosed the wireless packetization method according to claim 1, wherein the error checking or protection codes are cyclic redundancy codes (CRC) (see col.7 line 57 col.8 line 1).
- 6. Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Doshi et** al. (US Patent No. 5,936,965) in view of Kurobe et al. (US Patent No. 6,233,251).

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a) In Regarding to Claim 5: Doshi et al. disclosed all aspects of the claim 5 as set forth in claim 4.

Doshi et al. failed to explicitly disclosed wherein the error protection codes comprising:

a first error protection code for error-protecting the length indicator field in the header

information; and a second error protection code for error-protecting the length field

Kurobe et al. disclosed such the error protection codes (see col.28 lines 27-50; and lines 51-60).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skilled in the art can employ such error protection codes comprising: a first error protection code for error-protecting the length indicator field in the header information; and a second error protection code for error-protecting the length field throughout the variable length mode protocols multiplexed over a common bytestream of Doshi et al., as taught by Kurobe et al, so that multiplexed frames can be checked properly, the motivation being to make of Doshi et al. more reliable.

b) In Regarding to Claim 6: Doshi et al. and Kurobe et al. disclosed Doshi et al. disclosed all aspects of the claim 6 as set forth in claims 4 and 5.

Both Doshi et al. and Kurobe et al. failed to explicitly disclosed wherein the first error protection code and the second error protection code are comprised of 4 bits or 8 bits for controlling an error of the header-divided region.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skilled in the art can provide such 4 bits or 8 bits throughout the multiplex transmission method of **Kurobe et al.** as a design choice, the motivation being to control data information through a communications network more efficient and reliable.

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7. Claims 7 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kurobe et al. (US Patent No. 6,233,251) in view of Doshi et al. (US Patent No. 5,936,965).

a) In Regarding to Claim 7: Kurobe et al. disclosed a method for decoding a wireless packet by receiving a packet in which error protection codes are added to one portion and a plurality of portions of header information, respectively, on a wireless multiplex (MUX) sublayer in a multimedia data transmitting system, comprising the steps of:

discarding the previous frame in a case where there is some error and checking a second error protection code added to the next header information in a case where there is no error, when a first error protection code added to the initial header information is checked (see col.28 line 61-col.29 line 2); and

transmitting data to an upper layer in a case where there is no error and transmitting a blank data block to the upper layer in a case where there is some error, when the second error protection code is checked (see col.28 lines 51-60).

Kurobe et al. failed to explicitly disclose the wireless multiplex (MUX) sub-layer in a multimedia data transmitting system

**Doshi et al. explicitly disclosed** such a wireless multiplex (MUX) sub-layer in a multimedia data transmitting system (see Fig. 1 and col. 3 lines 33-45).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skilled in the art can employ such wireless multiplex (MUX) sub-layer in a multimedia data transmitting system throughout the multiplex transmission method and system of Kurobe et al., as taught by Doshi et al, in order to provide a multiple service in different platforms, the motivation being to provide enhanced services of Kurobe et al. in both an ATM network and a wireless network.

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b) In Regarding to Claim 9: The claimed subject matters disclosed in this claim are the same as that in the Claim 7. Therefore, the rejections in the Claim 7 would apply to this claim as an apparatus as taught.

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# Examiner Information

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony T Ton whose telephone number is 703-305-8956. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

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